



MONTEREY NEWS

AUGUST 1985



'85 TAX RATE APPROVED

Monterey Assessors received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for the 1985 tax rate. It is \$9.80 per thousand.

According to Cynthia Weber, the rate, down from \$11.44 last year, reflects the recent raise in valuation of Monterey properties. Most property values were augmented during the latest revaluation. Homes in neighborhoods experiencing the busiest real estate activity, such as Hupi Road and Lake Garfield, had the most substantial boost in value. Thanks to the lower tax rate, taxes will be just about the same as last year, excepting those neighborhoods.

On June 24, voters attending a special town meeting approved the sum of \$9,977.69 to be paid to First Aggie Bank as interest on a loan of \$325,000 to Monterey. The loan has tided the town over until now, when tax bills can be sent out with the approved new rate.

AUCTION OF USED TOWN EQUIPMENT Saturday, August 3 — 9:00 a.m. Town Garage

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A LANDOWNER TO JOIN THE LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Monterey Landowners Association, organized to encourage responsible hunting, is stepping up its membership drive as autumn approaches. All residents of Monterey, tenants or property owners, are encouraged to join. We need money to buy No Trespassing signs and permit cards. We want the full support of townspeople so that hunters will know that the town of Monterey will no longer tolerate irresponsible hunting practices.

Members of the Planning Committee will be at the Town Center on weekends in late August with a map showing which lands are now included in the Association. Stop by and fill in the gaps by putting your name on the map.

ELLEN PEARSON RESIGNS AS EDITOR OF NEWS

(See "Letter from the Editor," p.13)

HIGHWAY CREW COMPLETE, SALARIED AND HARD AT WORK

After long hours of meetings with Monterey Selectmen and salary committee members, the Monterey Highway Department has established its operating policies, job descriptions, and salary levels. As of now, Highway Superintendent Don Amstead will receive \$23,500 a year; Foreman Art Hastedt will receive \$9 per hour plus a 50¢ reimbursement for separately held health insurance; two experienced highway crew members will each receive \$7.50 per hour; a mechanic will receive \$6.50 per hour and a less experienced crew member will receive \$5.50 per hour.

Work is going on now to improve drainage on a stretch of Route 23 near the New Spirit Bookstore, and there are plans to put gravel on Chestnut Hill Road, Harmon Road and Royal Hemlock Road. Work is planned to repair and rip rap a collapsed bank alongside Route 23.

Culverts will be replaced on Cronk and Chestnut Hill Roads soon after.

MONTEREY ARTS FESTIVAL 1985

This year's combination Arts Festival and Monterey Day went beyond everyone's wildest expectations. From the Berkshire Highlanders' sonorities to the Royal Garden Jazz Band's toe-tapping rhythms the two-day festival filled our eyes, ears and hearts with joy. The Parade, an amalgamation of weeks of preparation with a horde of elaborate last-minute ideas, defined all categorization. History, Art, Music and Clownery mingled in dazzling counterpoint. Rodin's *Thinker* and 18th Century Entrepreneur Ephraim Williams missed their rides and ended up in a wagonload of clowns. Time and form were bent and rearranged. Reality was heightened. Everybody loved it.

The Arts Shows in the firehouse and the church social room were cool and fine. Fred Leuch's stained glass shimmered over a collection of paintings, photographs, pots, sculpture, baskets, furniture, toys, and historical memorabilia. Even the fire engines looked like art. Aston Magna's music was exquisite as always; the dancing and delicacies at Rock Ridge were refreshing; and the brass quintet was a perfect windup. Demonstrations, presentations and music on Sunday afternoon brought everything back into good focus.

Arts Council and I Love Monterey Day Committee members are grateful to everybody who gave so willingly of their talent, creativity and support. We wouldn't have missed it for the world.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Church school, Sunday at 10:30 during morning worship.
Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer Group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

Guest Ministers:

July 28 Reverend Dr. Virgil V. Brallier
August 4 Rev. Robert M. Hemstreet
August 11 Rev. R. Alan Johnson
Sec. of Evangelism, United Church Board of
Homeland Ministries
August 18 Rev. Allison Stokes
Chaplain, Vassar College

A Search Committee under the co-leadership of Judith Bach and Angie Sherrard has been organized to carry out the process of finding a new minister. Other members are Hedy Craven, Ardelle Gile, Harold Greene, Priscilla Gulliver, Judith Hayes, Kathleen Maye, Stewart Stowell and Arthur K. Wing III.

A subcommittee has already started the process of self-evaluation in order to make a profile of our present condition and a projection of our needs and dreams for the future of the Monterey UCC. Small group meetings were held on July 22 at several homes where information was gathered from all interested members and friends of the church. A second set of meetings will be held August 14. Let us know of your interest in attending. Call Mary B. Ward, 528-9243.

GUEST MINISTER AUGUST 4

The guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. service at the Monterey United Church of Christ on August 4 will be the Rev. Robert M. Hemstreet. His sermon topic will be, "Our New England Roots."

Mr. Hemstreet, who has a vacation home on Stebbins Road in Otis, is minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Flushing, New York.

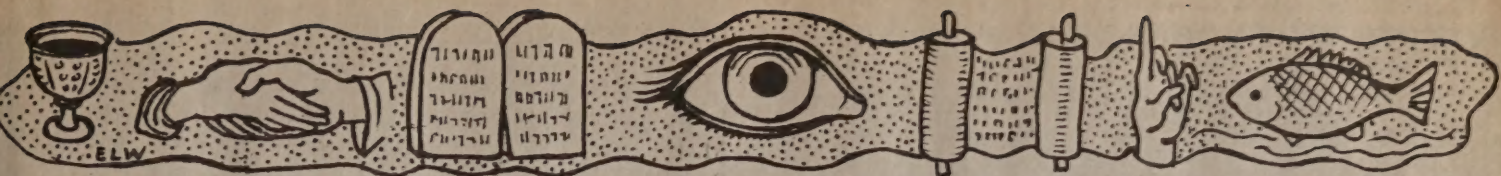
The Flushing minister recently was given a half-year sabbatical leave from his parish. He spent two months as a Visiting Scholar at the Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California, and since mid-April has been in Otis working on a book on Humanism as a religious faith.

Mr. Hemstreet has been a Unitarian Universalist minister since 1964. Before going to Flushing in 1976, he served churches in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Newark, DE; and West Chester, PA. He received his B. A. in History from New York University, an M. Div. from Crane Theological School of Tufts University, and has done post-graduate work at a number of universities. His last sabbatical, in 1980, was spent at Manchester College, Oxford, England.



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EMBRACING TODAY

Life's greatest opportunities are unfolding in each today. How is it, then, that we humans spend enormous amounts of time and energy remembering the past or anticipating the future? A favorite escape from life is to yearn for other times, other situations, other persons. Thus, energy is shunted into channels in which there can be no direct engagement.

How often I have occasion to observe those who imagine they would do so much better with other people. A classical place to see the wastage of energy of those who suppose they would do so very much better with someone else is in troubled marriages. So, they fritter away the present time and the present opportunity dreaming of the more ideal person. Indeed, they invest little of themselves in the present person because of hurdles and difficulties. They end by giving up and trying to find the more ideal person. Needless to say, the great percentage of such persons find themselves in a similar dilemma a few years down the road. Until we make the discovery that we live *now* and our growth takes place *now* we may spend our lives changing the scenery instead of changing ourselves.

Sometimes people imagine they would have beautiful lives

in the context of eternity, but things right now feel lousy. Where do we suppose eternity is? If eternity does not intersect each moment of now, then I haven't a ghost of a notion how we will ever discover the secrets of the eternal. When Jesus spoke of eternal life, he consistently spoke of it in the present tense. When he was describing eternal life he usually would say, "Eternal life is . . .," not "Eternal life will be . . ."

The past is gone. The future is not yet here. How simple and yet how profound. The only time we have is now. The only opportunity is now. Let us live, fully embracing each today.

— Virgil V. Brallier



Berkshire Highlanders plus host Don Holmes pipe themselves up to their assembly point.



MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This is a follow-up to my brother Gordon's recent letter regarding the Corashire School classroom photograph. On the enclosed copy I have attempted to identify some of the students including myself.

This photograph was probably taken either 1933 or '34, since I am seated well up front, the usual spot for early grades. By running this photograph you have struck a responsive chord in some of us who were fortunate enough indeed to have known and studied under Bea Phillips. I would be interested in the comments of some of those former students I have hopefully identified correctly in this remarkable photo. Recent editions of your paper indicate some of these people still reside in Monterey.

Please keep up the excellent newspaper.

Sincerely,

Shelton Stafford

Gordon Stafford thought he spotted Marjorie Brett, Albert Hastedt, Art Hastedt, Wallace Papo and maybe Peter Phillips

in the baseball suit. He speculated the boy we thought was his brother, Shelton, might be Donald "Pete" Brett, son of Bill and Miriam Brett. In a second letter Mr. Stafford wrote:

"As promised, I enclose the original of the Hephzibah Heights Bible Class of summer, 1937, and the negative I had made from it. I saved two copies for Shelton and me. The idea is that the Monterey Historical Society should have it for their display—and anyone who wishes a copy could get it from the negative.

I have no idea who the photographer, W. A. Miller, was.

Thank you for printing my letter. It would be great if you could publish addresses of others from that era. So many I haven't seen since way back then. But then, I can do my own research when I get up that way ere long."

Back row, left to right: Helen (?) Barnes, unidentified, Mrs. Barnes, three unidentified children and then Tillie Westberg, the blonde girl, fourth from the right. Front row, left to right: Martha Tryon, Shelton Stafford, Richard Cronk, Gordon Stafford, unidentified, Richard Tryon (tall, in white shirt), Jane Heath (white hat), Lois Miner (ribbon), unidentified, Doris Barnes (dark dress), Frances Miner (white dress and ribbon).

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Jane Nordstrom, Peru, MA, Great Grand Master Winner of Knox Trail Run at Monterey Day races, with granddaughter and trophy.

I LOVE MONTEREY DAY RACE RESULTS

Both men's and women's records fell Saturday afternoon, July 20, as Don Ward III of Great Barrington and Angela Hearn of Sutton Place, New York, both ran to victory in the "I Love Monterey Day" road race. A total of 97 runners participated in the race, 76 in the 4.5-mile run, 21 more in the unofficial one-mile race for youngsters.

Ward, 26, took the men's 4.5-mile run in 24:27, slicing 26 seconds off last year's record established by Great Barrington's Gene Caligari. Hearn, 39, ran to a 27:48 finish, lopping two minutes and 14 off the course record, 30:02, set by Lucy Noepel.

Runnerup to Ward was Craig Lindwald of East Longmeadow in 24:58, while Caligari was third in 25:18. Cheshire's Marilyn Martin was second behind Hearn in 29:05, while Sheila Quinn from Pittsfield was third in 29:45.

Kip Makuc, 14, and Brooke Loder, 12, were the male and female winners respectively in the mile run.

Winners in each category are listed below:

Male, 17 and under: Pat Eline, New Marlboro (26:43); Chris Greenler, Lenox (27:03); and Jeff Gauthier, Monterey (28:22).

18-29: Paul Malatesta, Pittsfield (26:53); Steve Cote, Adams (27:21); Jim Troy, Pittsfield (27:25).

30-39: Tom Addicks, Great Barrington (25:39); Don Gulick, Great Barrington (25:41); Joe Gwozdz, Cheshire (26:04).

40-49: Bob Siellar, Canaan, CT (25:55); Jim Hogue, Lanesboro (27:27); Arnold Eisman, South Egremont (28:44).

50-59: Dick Shook, Pittsfield (27:00); Don Ward, Sr., Great Barrington (31:30); Walter Cliff, South Egremont (32:49).

60-69: Bernard Ryan, West Stockbridge (34:11).

Female, 17 and under: Kristi Gould, Williamstown (33:09).

18-29: Laurie Brenner, Berkshire (29:48); Lisa Mattila, Lee (30:09); Pam Stevenson, Canaan, CT.

30-39: Jean Whitehead, Great Barrington (29:49); Sharon Sullivan, Otis (40:45).

40-49: Mimi Meyers, New York City (31:21); Ann Lyons, New York City (42:16).

50-59: Sue Haupt, South Egremont (38:12).

60-69: Jane Nordstrom, Peru (42:56).

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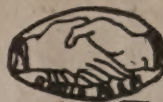
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Milly Walsh, Arts Festival '85

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Monterey Grange #291 observed Youth Night on July 17, 1985, with Sister Evelyn Keeler from Pittsfield #14 acting as Master. Youth from surrounding granges filled the chairs and furnished a program which included a Candle Ceremony. There was a fund raiser for projects. Special guests were Connie West, a member of the Assembly of Demeter; State Lady Assistant Steward Mary Jane Moffatt from Dover State; Princess Caroline Sabalewski from Middleboro; and Deputy Alicia Brazie. Sixty-two members and friends were present.

The Grange will have a food sale on the library lawn on August 3. The raffle drawing has been changed to September 4, 1985.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

To the Editor:

Last night it came to Grange attention that someone had called about using the Grange hall. Unfortunately, on June 26, one of our members fell on the steps and broke her shoulder in two places, so we have to go lightly with allowing people to use the hall, until we get squared away with this accident.

I'm sorry—thank you for the great way you take care of Grange news.

— Mary Wallace

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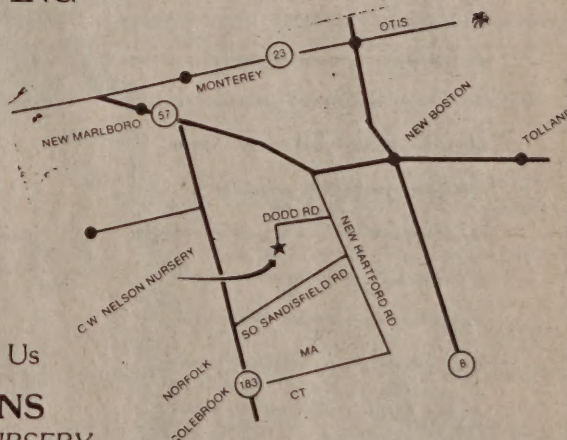


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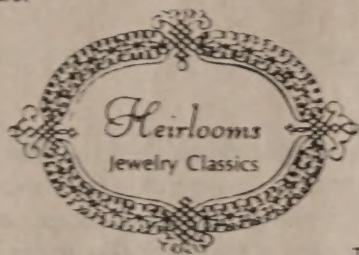
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Stockbridge 1:00-3:00	August 7	Heaton Court
	August 21	Plain School
Otis 1:00-3:00	August 6	Library
Sheffield 1:00-3:00	August 13	Dewey Memorial Hall
	August 27	Dewey Memorial Hall
Gt. Barrington 1:00-3:00	August 26	Senior Center

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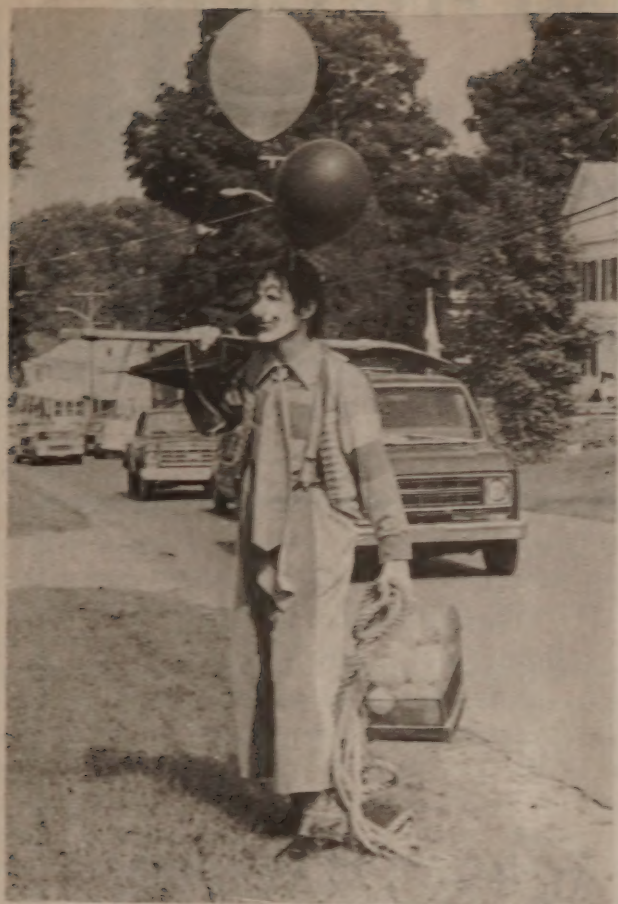
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Ethel Hart Warner's 4H Club: Back row, left to right: Marion Thomson, Ethel Hart Warner, leader, Mildred Kinne Walsh. Front row: Lena Kinne Pedersen, Flora Kimberley Touponce.



Steve Maye, Arts Festival '85



Jennie Brown and Laurie Hurd on Garfield Association boat float

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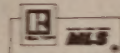
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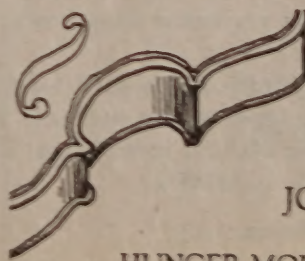


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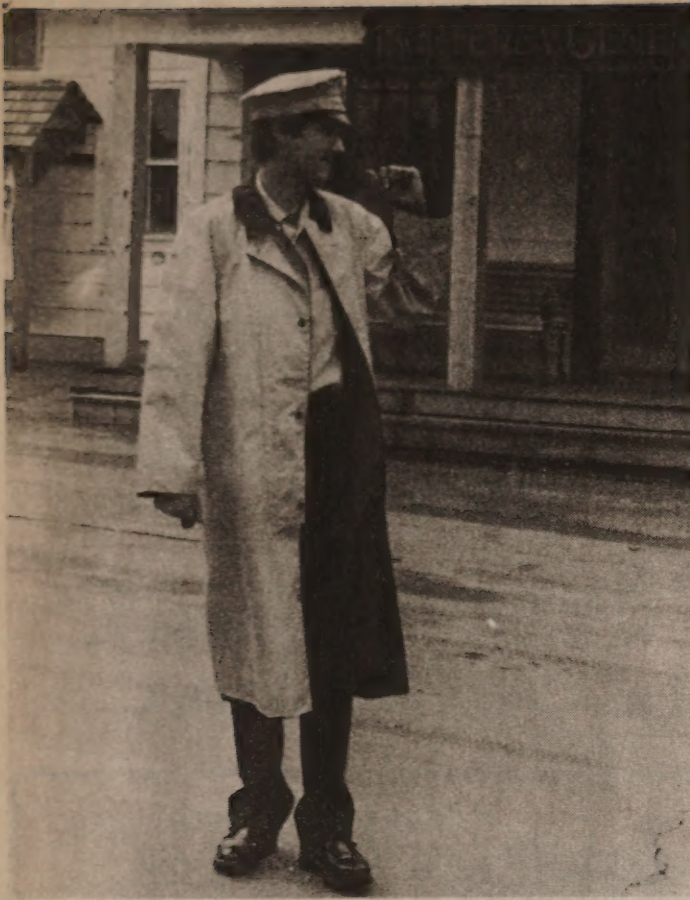
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POLICE NOTES

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We have a new young traffic officer you may have seen on Saturday and Sunday mornings in the center of the village. His name is Dale Lyman; he is the chief's son. It gets pretty busy on weekends, so please watch and obey his instructions; also stop and say hello.

Reminder: All gun F.I.D. cards and pistol permits are handled only on the first Monday of each month at the Selectmen's Office at 8:00 p.m.

Now that we have the new pagers, if an officer cannot be reached at home for an emergency, please call the Great Barrington police and they in turn will page us.

Last but not least, we are asking for donations toward a new outboard motor for the police boat. The 1967 motor we now have is beyond repair. Perhaps you have a motor to trade and it could be repaired for little expense. We have to raise approximately \$1,600 if possible—so all donations will be greatly appreciated. Send to Monterey Police Department, Monterey, MA 01245.

During the summer, in fact, any time, don't hesitate to call when you want assistance. Many times people later say, "I should have called the police." We are here to help you!

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Respectfully,

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Chief of Police

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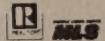
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INDIAN NOTES

Disaffection in Stockbridge

John Sergeant, the first missionary to the Indians of this region, was a man of extraordinary sympathy and liberality of mind. He welcomed Indians into baptism when they seemed sincerely ready to take that step, and he did not require them to wear standard European dress or otherwise turn their backs on their traditional culture. He lived in their homes, and he learned their language. This last was a feat of application and scholarship that no subsequent missionary to the Stockbridge Indians ever achieved. When he died in 1749 he was deeply mourned by the Mahicans and Indians of many other tribes who had settled in Stockbridge, drawn by his loving concern for their welfare.

Sergeant's successor was one of the great theologians of the 18th century, Jonathan Edwards. Edwards's controversial inquiries into the meaning of Salvation and the State of Grace sparked the Great Awakening, the religious revival of that period, and led to the principle of the separation of Church and State. He won ardent supporters and bitter opponents in the theological establishment. He was dismissed from his Northampton church for his unorthodoxy and "enthusiasm" and was rusticated to the frontier post of missionary at Stockbridge in 1751. There he wrote and published *Freedom of the Will* (1754), which immediately spread his fame through Europe as well as America.

Edwards's daughter, Esther, married Aaron Burr, Sr., the president of Princeton University. In her journal of November 8, 1754, we get a rare glimpse into the realities of human history. Edwards's preoccupation with philosophy and theology led to sixteen hours a day of writing and contemplation in his study and the consequent neglect of his Indian parishioners. Moreover, his fervent beliefs made it difficult for him to see the Indians, with no theology at all, as ready for salvation or even baptism. Esther wrote:

"... A gentleman from Albany has been here today and brings the certain news that all the Indians in Stockbridge have left the place except two or three families. He says they are much disgusted, and say the white people are jealous of 'em and they will not live among 'em any longer. He said farther that they had a mind to send for a neighboring tribe to assist 'em to kill all the people in Stockbridge. O my dear, what a dismal aspect things have! I am almost out of my wits! What will become of my Dear father and his afflicted family!"

The gentleman from Albany most certainly was exaggerating, but the nature of the tale brought to Princeton and Esther's credulity tell us much about the changes that had taken place in the Holy Experiment of an ideal religious community as envisaged by John Sergeant.

— David P. McAllester

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TICK FEVER

A few years ago some old college friends and I met in Rhode Island and went for a walk with binoculars, field guides, and rubber boots. We had all been biology majors years ago in Ohio, and we enjoyed getting out in the woods and fields together to see new sights, or familiar kinds of plants and animals in new settings. By the time we got home we were soaked from the tall grass and full of excitement over the black-billed cuckoo, the snapping turtle laying her eggs, the cottontail rabbit nest, and the rugosa roses blooming everywhere. As we changed to dry clothes, we were surprised by Tom, the small mammals biologist among us.

"Stop right there," he said. "Everybody take off your clothes and come in the living room for a tick inspection." We thought maybe this was carrying our 1960s college reminiscences a bit too far, but Tom was serious. He has been studying meadow mouse populations in the northwest and northeast coastal areas of Canada, and his work has taken on new significance (with corresponding new availability of research funds) as the mouse migrations have been linked to the spread of various diseases.

To me ticks had always been in the "annoying" category, like mosquitoes and spilled milk, but they were not something to get excited about. Most of the places I've lived have not supported great tick populations, and somehow the dogs I've known haven't been much bothered by ticks. In themselves, ticks are not really something to fuss about. They are small eight-legged arthropods in the arachnid class with spiders, scorpions, and mites, and they live by sucking blood and tissue fluids from mammals, reptiles, and birds. In some places, the ticks themselves can be so numerous that they do present a serious threat of too much blood loss to their "host" animals. Also a few kinds of ticks do have a venomous bite. But for the most part, the real reason to get serious about ticks as parasites is that they themselves are hosts to and carriers of many kinds of protozoan, virus, and bacterial diseases.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is perhaps the best known of the tick-carried diseases in this country. It is quite dangerous to people, but it occurs mostly in the western United States, where it is transmitted by lone star ticks and dog ticks. Some other diseases transmitted by ticks are tularemia, Colorado tick fever, Q fever, and Texas fever. Tularemia, which is a disease of rabbits and hares, is carried by chipmunks, muskrats, tree squirrels, ground squirrels, and beavers. All of these animals are hosts to ticks, which carry the disease from them to rabbits and hares. Q fever is actually a virus disease of opossums and bandicoots in Australia, and it is spread among them by ticks. Then a different species of tick carries the virus to cattle where yet a third species becomes infected and itself excretes the virus in its feces. These become dry and blow about like dust, in this way

spreading to people, who inhale or ingest the dust when working around cattle.

There are two groups of ticks, hard ticks and soft ticks. The hard ticks have a tough plate just behind the tiny head and in front of the rounded abdomen. Dog ticks are hard ticks. Soft ticks look quite similar but lack this hard plate and have a slightly different head. Most hard ticks have a life cycle which involves three different host animals, whereas a soft tick sticks with one host, living in the host's nest or bedding when it is not actually attached and sucking blood.

The dog tick female lays her 4,000 to 5,000 eggs in the ground. After 30 days they hatch and become six-legged larvae with a strong instinct to climb toward a bright light. This urge takes them up tall grasses and shrubs where they wait for a host. Ticks can sense the presence of a suitable host by the butyric acid which many animals give off. Sensitive setae or hairs (called the Haller's organ) receive this chemical emanation and the tick larva drops off the grass, landing on a nice warm meal. If the larva misses its mark, it's no great tragedy since dog tick larvae can go up to 11 months with no food. They are well adapted to the waiting which is such a big part of their life cycle.

After its meal, the larva drops off, full of blood, and digests for awhile. Then it undergoes its first molt and emerges as an eight-legged nymph, with the same climbing instinct and sensitivity to butyric acid. The nymph feeds, digests, and then molts and becomes an adult male or female tick. Now it makes its last climb up the tall grasses. Mating takes place and then the female, engorged with blood, drops off to lay her eggs. This cycle may take only 30 days, if just the right hosts come along, but the nymph can wait six months for a meal and the adult female as long as two years.

The control of tick populations is important to world health as well as to agriculture. It is made difficult in the case of most hard ticks by their three-host life cycle, which means that they are hard to pin down. Health workers have found that the best way (or the only way) to control the spread of a parasite which is a disease carrier is to control the population of that parasite's host. There is a type of deadly plague which is carried by fleas that live on certain prairie dogs and ground squirrels. This plague has been nearly eradicated by poisoning the hosts.

Obviously, the best way to end Fido's dog tick problems forever would be to send Fido himself to that tick-free land beyond the sky for a permanent cure. But since dog ticks are not fussy about living only on dogs, we here down below would still see as many dog ticks as before. The pesticides of choice for tick control are those called "organic" by chemists, who do not use the term at all the same way we farmers and salad-eaters use it. They refer to chlorinated hydrocarbons and recommend their use on beef cattle but not on dairy cows since it could contaminate milk. Rotenone and pyrethrum are used on milk cows and rotenone and carbaryl are used on dogs. What do you use on yourself? Probably none of the above. But if you hold a tick inspection and find one burrowed in for a meal, swab it with kerosene. It breathes through its skin, so this treatment will suffocate it and cause it to let go. Some people recommend a hot match for ticks. If you decide to try this, obviously you should hold off on the kerosene, unless you are looking for that permanent cure.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

The time has come for new hands on the reins of the *Monterey News*. I've been writing and editing the paper for about eight years. It has been a great way to get to know the town. I've scribbled away at Board meetings, Town meetings, festivals and parades, answered a million phone calls, talked to advertisers, columnists, artists, photographers and irate critics. I've learned a lot—everything from how to paste up a newspaper to how to be a selectman. I appreciate the opportunity to have had such an enriching experience. Everybody loves the *Monterey News*, and that makes me feel good. Now, as of October 1, I'm ready to pass the privilege of editorship along to another lucky person.

The *News* needs somebody (or maybe several somebodies) who can report news, edit and lay out the paper, and generally effect cohesion between advertising, bookkeeping, circulation and writing. For reporting, editing and layout the *News* can pay a big \$25 per month per job. But, take it from me, the real payoff is getting close to the good-hearted people of Monterey. The health benefits of the job, for body and spirit, are quite real.

I'll be glad to work with those of you who want to learn the ropes. Call me at 528-1988 *soon*.

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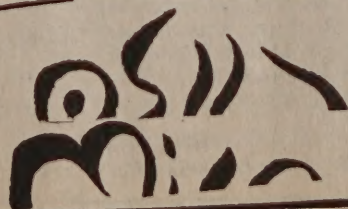
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the *Monterey News*:

Rarely do I take pen in hand to criticize any Monterey land owner or any town board—but here goes!

Yesterday, for the first time this season and with a bit of help from my friends in dragging my rowboat across the mud flat in front of the cottage, I was launched and pulled down the lake, enjoying the beauty of sun, water and sky and noting the care taken by land owners to preserve trees and bushes near the shore.

But easterly of Indian Cave I was horrified to view a swath of land which had been logged and stripped to bare ground of all greenery from the water's edge up a steep hill as far as could be seen.

Who owns this land?

Who logged it?

Why was this permitted?

What action can our Conservation Commission take to force correction of this rape of natural beauty and stop any future stripping of lands along the shores of Lake Garfield?

Sincerely,

Edith Wilson

MONTEREY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPLIES

A series of inspections by Monterey Conservation Commission members, a state forester and a representative from the Soil Conservation Service in Pittsfield have established that the project (clearing a slope down to the edge of Lake Garfield) comes within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. The owner of the property will be required to establish hay bale dikes across the slope to control erosion, and to seed and mulch the bare earth to stabilize the slope. Nowhere in Massachusetts state law or in Monterey's bylaws is there a provision for preventing the cutting of trees on private property. The Conservation Commission can only regulate the work so as to prevent damage to wetlands.

In this case, as in several others in recent months, the property owner claimed to be unaware of the need to obtain a permit to work within 100 feet of a wetland. Many people in Monterey have suggested that a simple outline of the Wetlands Regulations be printed in the *Monterey News*. We've done it before, and next month we will do it again. Stay tuned.

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PERSONALS

Monterey students on the Mt. Everett Regional honor roll list for the final quarter: high honors (90 percent or above in all major subjects): Grade 9, **Janet Thieriot**, and Grade 7, **Anne Makuc** and **Natasha Grotz**. Honors (80 percent or better in all subjects): Grade 10, **Michelle Grotz**; Grade 8, **Shelby Loder**; and Grade 7, **Meghan Bradley**.

Karen Hayes, daughter of Arnold and Judith Hayes of Tyringham Road, has completed her freshman year at Quinnipiac College, where she was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. She will be attending Bridgewater State College in the fall.

Arnold and Judith Hayes of Tyringham Road attended the Bidwell Family Association reunion held in Rochester, New York, on July 6 and 7. The Bidwell family reunion is held annually and attracts 200 or more family members nationwide. All are descendants of John Bidwell, who arrived in America in 1630 at the age of 10. His grandson, the Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, became the first minister of the Monterey United Church of Christ in 1750.

1985 Monterey graduates of Mt. Everett Regional High School: **Keith Amstead**, **Kassie Gates**, **Lynda Hayes**, **Mary Heath** and **David Smith**.

Monterey students who graduated from the University of Massachusetts at commencement exercises May 25: **Stephen Brown**, with a BS in mechanical engineering; **Shawn Ryder**, with a BA in individual concentration; **Lynn Dugan**, with a BBA in business administration; and **Vincent DeMartino**, with a BS in arts and sciences.

The Monterey Yankees who were selected to play in the Little League All-Star Game are **Billy Thieriot**, **Patrick McBride** and **Kevin Touponce**. The All-Star team played the number one Dodgers in Sheffield on Sunday, July 7.

John Blount and his father, Roy Blount, Jr., spent a day in July filming an essay written by author Roy about the old and new Coca Cola. The show will serve as a pilot for a new series hosted by Roger Mudd called *American Almanac*.

Dek and Kathleen Tillett have a new baby daughter, born July 15. Her name is Alix.

Steve Carmichael and **Dede Cummings** are the parents of a baby boy, Samuel Cummings Carmichael, born June 6 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Steve and Dede, and now Sam, spend some weekends and summertime in the lake house belonging to Steve's mother, Stacy, on Bidwell Road.

Kevin Bradley, son of Tom and Maureen Bradley, Blue Hill Road, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross on May 24, 1985. Kevin was a resident assistant, house council representative, and a member of the Cross and Crucible Chemistry Club. In his junior year, he participated in the chemistry honors program. He is a 1981 graduate of St. Joseph's Central High School in Pittsfield and a former Youth News reporter for the *Monterey News*.

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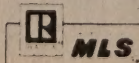
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To the Editor of *Monterey News*:

In the July issue of *Monterey News* was an article, "Roots and Branches," by Virgil V. Brallier. One sentence in it started a train of thought and speculation and wonderment in me. Let me tell you about the blue spruce in my front yard.

Some twenty years ago that tree was a two-foot-high living Christmas tree. It was lovingly tended and in the spring planted where it now stands. It was perfectly shaped and proportional. Although slow in starting each spring, the new growth gave it a misty blue aura that by fall added inches to its size in all directions, maintaining a lovely symmetry.

One day, when the tree was about four feet tall, Ray was working about the place with a small trailer behind his car. In trying to back between the spruce and an apple tree he miscalculated and snapped the growing point of that cherished tree clean off. He was heartsick. Would it die? What would he tell our daughter who gave it to us?

Years passed and it didn't grow much, but it didn't die.

We weren't living here then so we saw the tree only once or twice a year. Eventually we noticed that the tree had lost its stunted, misshapen appearance and was beautifully symmetrical again. Strange!

Examination showed that in addition to the broken main stem a second growing point had developed. Wondrously, one of the former lowest branches was now upright along-side the main trunk. Its former twigs now became horizontal branches of size comparable to those of the main stem. The tree was perfect again.

The sentence, "Unlike a tree, our choices and energy investments determine the branches that do develop." Unlike a tree?

What made that lower branch change its direction, its relationship to the rest of the tree? It was now growing at a rate two or three times its former rate. It was now more than twice as big in diameter as the other branches in its former plane of growth. Why was that particular branch the only one to be transformed? They all looked alike to me. Does a tree have an urge, a need to be as whole and perfect as possible?

Unlike a tree? Or as wonderful and mysterious as a tree? Who knows?

— Mary B. Ward

HAZEL O'HARA

Hazel D. O'Hara, 85, died June 19 at Humana Hospital in Daytona Beach, Florida, following a short illness.

The wife of the late Charles H. O'Hara, Mrs. O'Hara was a resident of Edgewater, Florida, and a former resident of Monterey.

Born on April 11, 1900, to Della Crane and Frederick Crippen of Mill River, Mrs. O'Hara was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and a former president of the New Smyrna Beach Elks Ladies Lodge 1557 in Florida. She was also a member of the Monterey Grange #291.

Mrs. O'Hara is survived by her grandchildren, Donna Kirchner of Dalton, Jean Bellinger and William D. Hall, both of Great Barrington, Della Cariello of Mahopac, New York, and Joan Hulett, Cheryl Hoeck and Richard Hall, all of Florida. She leaves 16 great-grandchildren as well.

The burial was at Belleview Memorial Gardens in Daytona Beach, Florida.

RUTH E. MURDOCK

Ruth E. Campbell Murdock, age 89, died June 11 at Bay State Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Agawam, she lived most of her life in Monterey and had resided in East Longmeadow for the past 15 years. Mrs. Murdock retired after 40 years at New England Keswick Bible Conference in Monterey. She was a member of the East Longmeadow Baptist Church.

She leaves two daughters, Althea Clark and Thelma Sullivan, both of East Longmeadow, six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were held at the convenience of the family.

ETHEL T. HOUGHTON EVERETT

Ethel T. Houghton Everett died at a nursing home in Fairfield, Connecticut, on June 13, 1985. She was 94.

As a young woman, she spent many summers in Monterey with her parents in Wayside Cottage on Route 23 (next to the present Gildesgame house). Her mother, Ada Houghton, was a well-known photographer, perhaps best remembered for her many scenes of Monterey which she reproduced on post cards.

Mrs. Everett was a graduate of Yale School of Fine Arts. An artist and an instructor of art, she taught art in private classes and in school in the Fairfield, Connecticut, area.

Since 1914, the family has owned Coolshanagh Cottage, across the street from where Wayside stood. Coolshanagh is still enjoyable as a weekend retreat by the Everett children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CORRECTION

Hans Kessler wrote us to point out that we vastly underestimated the altitude of peaks he has climbed. We said, "over 2,000 feet"; the correct altitude is over 4,000 feet. We copied our info from *The Record*. Hans wrote, "'When you don't tap the source, you're apt to get muddied water.' (Hisarlik proverb)" We apologize for our error and thank Hans for his lofty thoughts.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 10—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances caught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$3.50; children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Saturday, August 24—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, MA. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker, calling; music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission: \$3.50. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

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Dean and Alice Allen—Always enjoyable and informative.

Paul and Caroline Carnese—Need less bias (*sic*) news from year-round lake residents—and more from summer folks. Why not enlist a Lake Garfield summer person to provide some reporting regarding the perspective of the summer residents re: issues?!

Annette Swanson and Louise D. Buonaguro—Always look forward to news of Monterey and Virgil Brallier's article. Thank you.

David and Judith Kaprelian—Enjoy being kept up to date with all the news.

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